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SUBJECT: VISITS OF BERTRAND LARRERA DE MOREL AND
ANDRE ROSSI.

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1. CONVERSATION WITH DE MOREL INDICATES PROBABLE
PRIMARY MOTIVE FOR HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON (AFTER
CHAIRING A MEETING OF FRENCH COMMERCIAL COUNSELORS
IN NEW YORK) IS TO ASSESS THE WASHINGTON SCENE FOR
TRADE MINISTER ROSSI. FYI: DE MOREL WAS RECENTLY
IN A SERIOUS AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT AND INCURRED SEVERE
INJURIES AROUND HIS EYES. HE IS BACK IN HIS OFFICE AND
APPEARS TO BE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY BUT WEARS LARGE
DARK GLASSES. END FYI. DE MOREL SAID THAT FRENCH
COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR AT WASHINGTON, BOSSON, WAS
ARRANGING HIS APPOINTMENTS. DE MOREL WANTS TO
DISCUSS MTN AND CIEC, PRIMARILY RAW MATERIALS
QUESTIONS. WHILE HE HOPES TO SEE UNDER SECRETARY
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COOPER WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE WE
STRONGLY RECOMMENDED A MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY
KATZ. DE MOREL HAS FIRM APPOINTMENTS WITH WOLFF AT
STR AND BARGSTEN AT TREASURY. DE MOREL REMAINS THE
SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE
AND ALSO REPORTS TO THE MINISTER OF FINANCE.

2. FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER ANDRE ROSSI WAS CONFIRMED MARCH 30 TO CONTINUE IN HIS POST IN THE SECOND BARRE GOVERNMENT. HE WILL THUS VISIT THE U.S. PLEASED WITH CONFIDENCE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER HAVE SHOWN FOR HIS WORK. ACCORDING TO PIERRE ACHARD, ROSSI'S CABINET DIRECTOR, MR. BOSSON IS ARRANGING ROSSI'S SCHEDULE. APPOINTMENTS ARE BEING SOUGHT WITH THE SECRETARIES OF COMMERCE, TREASURY AND AGRICULTURE, WITH STR STRAUSS, WITH ITC CHAIRMAN MINCHEW AND WITH SECRETARY VANCE OR UNDER SECRETARY COOPER. ROSSI ALSO WANTS TO MEET SENATOR LONG AND CONGRESSMEN ULLMEN AND VANIK. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF ROSSI'S VISIT IS AS ACHARD PUT IT "TO BECOME MORE SENSITIZED REGARDING AMERICAN VIEWS ON TRADE POLICY." ROSSI HAS NO MANDATE FROM THE GOF TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS.
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